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SUBJECT Removal of Dertinger as Executive Secretary of the CDU

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ORIGIN [REDACTED]

1. Jacob Kaiser has taken action to relieve Executive Secretary George Dertinger of his position and to replace him with Robert Tillmanns. On 30 April 1947 Kaiser told Dertinger that he was thenceforth no longer to serve as Executive Secretary of the CDU, but was, rather, to assume administrative duties and take over the direction of office personnel. Dertinger was, in other words, relieved of his policy-making functions and forbidden to make speeches in public. Dertinger angrily reminded Kaiser of all he had done for the party, whereupon Kaiser told him that he was not being thrown out, but that changes had become necessary because the party's growth necessitated the introduction of new administrative procedures.

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2. [REDACTED] the reason underlying Dertinger's demotion was the fact that he had been the leader of a small clique which was obstructing Kaiser's policies. Furthermore, Dertinger had been making public addresses in the Russian Zone -- the last one in Halle late in April -- in which he stated that he favored "the Democracy of the East" over "the Democracy of the West." Many CDU members in the Zone complained of these speeches and this caused Kaiser to take action to forestall any undermining of party solidarity.
3. It is further believed that Kaiser suspects Dertinger of consorting with the Russians and being used by them to promote dissension and to force a possible split in the ranks of the CDU.
4. A CDU official states that Kaiser has had talks with Colonel Tulpanov of the SMA, in the course of which he mentioned Tillmanns as a replacement for Dertinger. Tulpanov is supposed to have replied that he had no objection to his appointment. Tillmanns, however, is said to be at present undecided as to whether he should accept the post in view of recent developments in the Friedrich Flick trial at Nuremberg. Although he was not involved in Flick's criminal activities and never belonged to the NSDAP, Tillmanns was nevertheless the German industrialist's secretary during the war. He feels that this episode from his past may be used as a basis for attacks against the CDU. Kaiser has, however, assured Tillmanns that the Russians would not use his past connections to slander the party, and repeated his request that he take the job of Executive Secretary.

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5. In the meanwhile, Dertinger has accepted his change in status and now handles purely administrative and personnel matters.

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